

La Sociedad de la Entrada

After Action Report for Oñate Event 9/21-22/07

Event

The event was “Onate Weekend” at Rancho de las Golondrinas Living History Museum (<http://www.golondrinas.org/>). This is an annual event for us with a theme centered on portraying the early colonists in New Mexico. Visitor attendance was moderate this weekend. We set up in “Baca Plaza,” for our base of operations. Barbara set up her kitchen at the outdoor fireplace.



La Bandera

Muster

On Saturday we had five people: Mike and Barbara Bilbo, Tony Campisi, David and Angelina Poulin. It was a hot and muggy day (yes, muggy, not a New Mexico word). The humidity was very unusual for New Mexico. There had been some rain the night before so the campsite was damp near the fire pit. But that didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of the new recruits. Tony took them in hand and ran them through some pike and sword drills.

Comida



Barbara Bilbo



Barbara's fine table



Soldados pillaging Barbara's fine table.



A glorious sunset

Sunday

Sunday was cooler and more comfortable than Saturday. We had many more people show up: Mike Vigil and his three boys, fully outfitted; Capitan Roberto Valdez, Cabo Sam Ulibarri, recruit Dwight Thompson and his two girls, also fully outfitted; and Austin Dimick.



Mike Vigil, Gentilhombre Voluntario



L-R: Libertad and Indiana Thompson



L-R: Barbara, Libertad, and Angelina



L-R: Libertad, Indiana, and Dwight

Pike Drill



Formed up in Baca Plaza



Ready pikes



Trail pikes



Order Pikes

Sword Drill



Instructions from El Maestro d'espada.



The twins take a stance while Dwight looks on.



The fencing line.



Only a danger to themselves.



It can't be that funny.



Mike is fencing with his shadow. Good lunge.



Parry the thrust.



Dave gets a lucky surprise on Sam.



Barbara at table.



Dave the Dandy.

Conclusion

Photos by Mike Bilbo and Angelina Poulin. This event was kind of light weight but it was good to relax in the shade under the cottonwoods and shake off the dust of Albuquerque.

Dave